

considered timely filed on or before June 18, 2005. Entry of the Response and Remarks is respectfully requested.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 18, 3005, Applicants elect, albeit with traverse, Group II, Claims 4-12, 25-27, 29-31, for further prosecution at this time.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction in the above-identified application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-3, 22-24, drawn to a composition where leaves are obtained from waterleaf, classified in class 424, subclass 774.

Group II: Claims 4-12, 25-27, 29-31, drawn to a method of reducing plasma cholesterol and LDL-cholesterol by feeding an effective amount of composition to an animal, classified in class 424, subclass 774.

Group III: Claims 13-21, drawn to a method of preventing coronary heart disease by feeding an effective amount of composition to an animal, classified in class 424, subclass 774.

Group IV: Claim 28, drawn to a method of producing poultry eggs by feeding to laying hens an effective amount of the composition, classified in class 424, subclass 774.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 4-12, 25-27, 29-31 for further prosecution at this time.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement in that examination of all currently pending claims as originally filed without restriction would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner in that a search of the prior art for all of the claims would be identical or substantially similar. Additionally, Section 803 of The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure

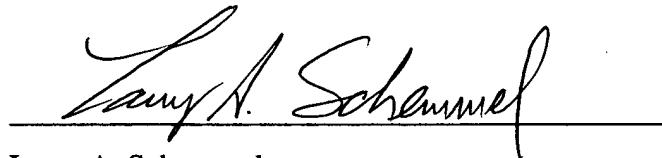
states that “[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.”

Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement and that the claims of Groups I, II, III, and IV be rejoined for a complete examination of all currently pending claims of the Applicants' invention.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain which the Examiner believes may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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